

Membership of the MHBA,

Thank you for your patience in allowing us to respond to the many accusations and untrue statements that have been made (and commented) via Facebook. We understand that you expect transparency, and this is exactly what we plan to do in these timelines.

We have been patient because much of the information we have been dealing with has legal ramifications and we desired to be very careful how we move forward. Our legal counsel has given us permission to get the truth out to our membership in a more detailed manner. We have recommended that Board Members refrain from posting or commenting on Facebook to maintain a Duty of Care in their responsibilities regarding the MHBA / MHYF. Unfortunately, that has not happened, and when board members/committee members do engage on social media, there tends to be a one-sided message. A message very different than what the plurality of board members have been in favor of.

We also understand it is our duty to act and make decisions on behalf of the greater membership. As a board of 13 directors, there are times when the board members disagree and we believe that is healthy. There should be different points of view and each board member should add his/her experience and expertise to make decisions for the greater good of the membership. We are blessed with a diverse Board of Directors – all Miniature Hereford enthusiasts, but some are a part of the show world and some who are not. With that said, a board also needs to come together when the majority rules. No matter how one feels or has voted, the majority vote is the full board speaking on that issue.

**At this time, due to the sensitivity around the Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals we believe a clear timeline would be helpful for you to understand the Boards work in trying to retain the show as it has always been; under the governance of the MHBA and the financial umbrella of the MHYF (due to its 501c3 status). This has also been the topic of several Facebook posts that most of the board has refrained from commenting on. The MHBA has been the nationwide breeding association for the Miniature Hereford breed since 2001. MHYF is a subsidiary of the MHBA and was formed in 2010 and was dedicated to the association's youth outreach. The MHBA and MHYF were the first to use the trademark "Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals". As a result of the continued use by MHBA and MHYF of an annual cattle show/competition under the trademark "Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals" since 2014, the trademark has become widely known and the MHBA/MHYF have become identified in the public mind as the owner and organizer to which it is applied.**

**Permission was never given by the MHBA Board of Directors or the MHYF Board of Directors to create a new entity and in turn take over the show/competition known as the Miniature Hereford Junior Nationals, a trademark of the MHBA and MHYF.**

Here is where we will break this long letter/post up to cover separate topics and timelines. There is obviously overlap, but it will be easier to digest with separate posts referring to separate general topics.

1. MHJN Venue (Kansas State Fairgrounds, Hutchinson, KS) Timeline and Events
2. The Forming of a New Association Timeline and Events
3. MHJN Fundraiser on Breeders World Timeline and Events

PLEASE NOTE: There is a difference between the MHJN and the MHJN(A). Please read above the origins of the MHJN. It is clearly a trademarked show/event of the MHBA/MHYF. The MHJNA is a newly formed corporation by the same committee members that were appointed to run the MHJN show/event.